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1. The harbor at Szczecin (Stettin) is occasionally closed for several hours by the port director in connection with maneuvers of Soviet naval vessels in the Swinoujscie (Swinemünde) area. When underway in the Gulf of Szczecin all ships are escorted and controlled by patrol vessels of the W.O.P. (Frontier Guard Troops). During the night such ships are illuminated by shore searchlights to assist the patrol vessels. Control of seamen ashore is not especially strict.
2. In the section of the harbor between the Regalica Canal, Ostrow Mielenski (Mielenski Island), and the freight station, construction work is in progress to increase the cargo-handling capacity of the port. The soil in this area is very peaty, which has made it necessary to lay extensive reinforced concrete foundations to a depth of eight meters, using the so-called "Cebortowicz" method. The construction here will provide special equipment for transloading of coal and other such bulk cargoes from trains directly to ships. In addition, many new warehouses and cranes are being built. The former average sixty meters in length and twenty-five in width.
3. Tadeusz Wysocki, [redacted] is still the port captain of Szczecin. [redacted]
[redacted] The commander of the W.O.P. sub-station at Szczecin is Captain Ludwik Kobylak [redacted]
4. The Polish 39th Infantry Regiment, stationed in Szczecin, [redacted]
[redacted] An increase in the number of Soviet troops in the city has been noted. Soviet military trains coming from the east use the Szczecin-Poznan line, rather than the northern route Szczecin-Gdynia-Gdansk.

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